

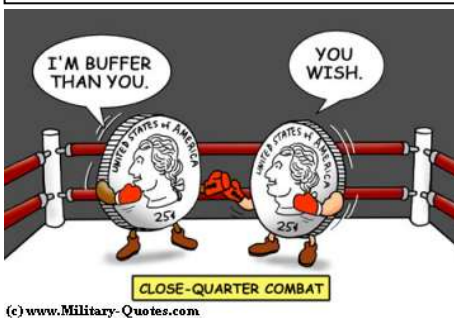


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Quote of the Quarter

The best welfare for the troops is good training.

- Erwin Rommel

Commander's Corner

Hello again. It's with great pride and satisfaction that I sit down and write this column. I feel this way because our soldiers who deployed on OIF-1 have safely returned from their highly successful mission. We should all be proud of the superb job our soldiers did. This is not only due to their efforts, but the support they received from the Rear Dets and their families. I'm also proud because we successfully trained and deployed our second contingent for OIF-2. By all accounts they are picking right up where OIF-1 left off. All of this was possible, because of the tremendous teamwork of the Dets, staff, and civilians.

Though our deployed soldiers receive all the accolades, and deservedly so, our soldiers in the Rear Dets are heroes too. They continue to do more with less, performing their normal mission and also additional ones such as PDPs, force protection, TPS, and reintegration. Speaking of reintegration, kudos to all for your outstanding support in this endeavor. Our FRGs proved invaluable through their support of families in the rear and their many outstanding initiatives improving the morale of our deployed soldiers. My hat's off to you and my deepest appreciation.

As we transition from winter to spring we must always be mindful of safety. Nothing we do is worth risking our precious lives or a needless injury. Be especially alert for black ice in the mornings. Our new soldiers must become accustomed to driving in Europe and all its inherent dangers. Same goes for our redeploying soldiers. It's been a year since they've driven in Europe and must readjust. As always, never drink and drive! If you've had too much to drink, call your battle buddy. They'll help.

Finally, get out and enjoy springtime in Europe. Theme parks will open, tulip season in Holland is beautiful, and who can resist springtime in Paris or Venice. Best of all you can let the USO or Outdoor Rec do the driving for a very reasonable cost.

Until next time

Fondly,

Matt and Diane Richards

Never a Dull Moment

CSM W.W. Austin

There has been a whirlwind of activity across the battalion this past quarter as we executed Personnel Deployment Processing, deployed 54 of the Army's finest in support of OIF-2, welcomed home our returning Warriors from OIF-1, and successfully executed our Reintegration mission across five separate communities in central/southern Germany and Italy. Concurrently, our dedicated soldiers and civilians in the 510th Postal Company continued their daily mission of processing tons of mail destined for soldiers and family members across all parts of the globe. There were many moving parts and a tremendous effort by all. Thank you all for a job very well done!

We welcome back our 510th PSB OIF-1 heroes with open arms. These soldiers and their family members know better than anyone that it was a long haul. Your reputation for setting the personnel service support standard in Iraq is well known across the 1st Personnel Command and preceded your redeployment by months. We are thankful for your safe return and are counting on you to fill some big holes across the battalion when you return from your block leave. I think you'll find a slightly different atmosphere and a few new faces but overall our mission remains the same - taking care of soldiers and their families. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you personally.

Many thanks to the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) and the United Service Organization (USO) for their great support of our OIF-1 Arrival Ceremonies. AAFES graciously provided refreshments and the USO bent over backwards to make their facility available to accommodate the ever-changing redeployment flight schedules. Both ceremonies were truly "short n' sweet" for our returning soldiers and their anxious family members and friends.

All reports I've received from downrange indicate our OIF-2 soldiers are adapting well to the mission and quality of life improvements are a continuous process. With both Detachments being geographically separated they both face their own unique challenges. I have no doubt Alpha Detachment and the "Regulators" of Bravo Detachment will rise to the occasion as part of TF 138th PSB. We stand by ready to fill any requests you might have - from cookies to shoes!

With all this activity, comes a host of dedicated Family Readiness Group volunteers - both military and civilian - working behind the scenes to make things happen. Sandee and I appreciate your involvement and contributions to the soldiers and family members in each of your respective communities. For those of you who have been "sandbagging" out there - particularly NCOs - *shame on you!* A Family Readiness Group cannot survive without dedicated, responsible volunteers. Get involved and make a difference!!!

The coming year will likely bring unprecedented new demands on soldiers and families across our Army. Buckle up and be ready. Victory Thru Service!!

Bill & Sandee Austin



CPT Jones from Bravo Detachment Forward at Guard tower in Iraq.

Headquarters / Alpha Company

HQ/A Co is busy working to help reintegrate the soldiers back from the first Iraq rotation. We are working hard and doing good things for the community with this program – thanks for all your efforts! Since the last newsletter all our soldiers have returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom 1. It's been great seeing all of their faces around here again and we hope they all have a great time on block leave. We're very fortunate that every one returned safely. Thanks for all your hard work in making the 510th stand out in the desert! We also currently have 23 soldiers deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2. From what we hear they are continuing to do a great job! Morale is high as they begin their year long tour! We miss having them here with us but know they are doing great things where they are!

We would like to say welcome to all the new soldiers. We got a great influx right after we deployed the group to Iraq in January and are excited to have them on board. We have a lot to learn but they are a great group of soldiers and we look forward to seeing what they can contribute to the team! We also want to mention that we are really going to miss the contributions of SPC Fanene, SGT Moody, SGT Gaston, and SPC Fremmer. All have headed stateside to new units. They left big shoes for their replacements to fill! Since the last newsletter we promoted PV2 Gregory, PV2 Wildeman, PFC Pexa, PFC Postlewait, PFC Cumming, SPC Campbell, PFC King, SGT Gaston and SSG Williams. Congrats to all of them as they move up to the next level. It's great to be able to see a soldier pin on more rank and take on more responsibility! Thanks for your hard work!

In FRG news, we had a meeting in January to inform the spouses and family members about the OIF1 returnees. We had several spouses attend and ask good questions. We got a lot of questions answered regarding what they could expect when their spouse returned from the desert as well as an estimated timeframe for their return. The next meeting will be in early April and we will discuss plans for supporting the deployed soldiers as well as what we will do for an Easter celebration with the unit.

Thank you to all the soldiers for your hard work in the past few months! And thank you to the spouses and family members for understanding that our job takes a lot to do the right way – serving the community can't be done just during the duty day. Don't hesitate to call or email us if you need anything. Thanks again!

1LT Megan Brister and 1SG Nicole Evans



Soldiers fire day qualification tables at Range 4 in Darmstadt, 25 March 2004. Range was hosted by HQ / A Detachment.

Bravo Bulldogs

Greetings! We hope all is well with you and your families. Bravo Detachment has been quite busy this quarter with deploying Soldiers to SWA in support of OIF2, redeploying and reintegrating our returning Soldiers from OIF1, as well as serving as part of the 411th BSB community reintegration team. From General Bell, Cdr, USAREUR to LTC Vanderpot, Cdr, 411th BSB, Det B received only laudatory comments on the excellent support we provided throughout the reintegration process. Super job team!

The past quarter brought numerous changes to the detachment, including a new Commander, Detachment First Sergeant, and Executive Officer. We would like to welcome the following soldiers to the Bulldog team: SGT Gonzalez, SPC Russell, SPC Thomas, SPC Watson, SPC Gettemens, PV2 Tauber, PV2 Jno-Pierre, PV2 Perez, PV2 Combs, PV2 Horton, and Mrs Hadrick.

We also welcomed back all the Soldiers who deployed to Iraq in support of OIF1: 1LT Sutton, SGT Griffen, SGT McCoy, SGT Ocampo, SGT Moore, SGT Nieto, SGT West, SGT Yang, SPC Laboy, SPC Ford and SPC Howard. Welcome back everyone, and congratulations on a job well done!

We welcomed several little "bundles of joy" to the Bulldog family:

Alexsia: Born on 18 Dec, 1630hrs, to SPC Jones. Alexsia weighed 6 lbs, 9 ounces.

Jaden: Born on 12 Jan, 2245hrs, to SPC Devinney. Jaden weighed 5 lbs, 8 ounces.

Deborah: Born on 4 Feb, 0727hrs, to PFC & Michelle Murphy. Deborah weighed 5lbs, 10 ounces.

Tanner: Born on 6 Feb, 0955hrs, to SGT & Rikki Clendenin. Tanner weighed 9 lbs, 6 ounces.

Congratulations to all our proud parents!



Tanner Clendenin

We want to congratulate the following personnel on their recent promotion: SSG Symonette, SSG Waters, SGT Garcia, SGT Styron, SGT Demarco, SGT Yang, SPC Nelson, and PFC Murphy. As we welcomed many new Soldiers to Bravo Detachment, we had to bid farewell to SFC Bailey, Detachment First Sergeant, 1LT DeSaine, Executive Officer, PFC Murphy, Reassignments Section, and Mrs Luckett, ID Cards Section. We would like to wish all good luck and god speed.

The next quarter will continue to be as demanding as the previous two - full of many challenges and very busy. Our next FRG Meeting is scheduled for 16 Apr. As part of the FRG meeting, we will conduct a Baby Shower for all the new mothers and soon to be mothers. I appreciate all the hard work and support of the Soldiers and family members in keeping up the first-rate customer service to our fine community.



CSM Austin
congratulates
SGT Garcia on
his promotion



CPT Williams
presents 1LT
Desaine with a
departure gift.

"Want Some, Get Some!"

"Victory Through Service!"

CPT Williams & SFC Gordon

Charlie Express

Greetings from the cradle of Franconian civilization in Ansbach, Germany! Charlie detachment continues to set the standard of personnel service support excellence for the 1st Infantry Division Community. The recent deployment of the Aviation units in Katterbach and the re-deployment of the units in Illesheim kept the detachment busy throughout the winter months. I appreciate the superb effort of all Charlie Detachment Soldiers and family members in maintaining the highest level of customer service throughout all the challenges.

The past quarter brought numerous changes to the Charlie Express family. The detachment deployed five Soldiers in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and I'd like to wish a swift deployment and safe return home next year for CW2 Adeoti, SGT Rosario, SGT Ellis, SPC Knudsen, and PV2 Gonzalez. We'll continue to keep the care packages coming and take care of all your concerns here at home. With the deployment of five Soldiers, we were also able to welcome back three Soldiers to the Ansbach community from the first Iraq deployment; SPC Mack, SPC Fox and SPC Wilson. Your efforts were greatly appreciated by the deployed Soldiers and were integral to the success to Task Force 90th.

Charlie Detachment welcomed six new Soldiers in the past quarter; PV2 Green, PV2 Jackson, PV2 Viserio, PV1 Whaley, PFC Darby and SPC Montford. The new Soldiers are performing admirably on their first few months on the job. We will also be wishing "bon voyage" to a few Soldiers that have been with the detachment for many years; SSG Johnson, SGT Griffin and SPC Wilson. I wish you the best and I know you'll succeed in all endeavors.

As the frozen ground begins to thaw in Ansbach, the Soldiers have been busy planning activities for the short summer months. Recently, the detachment spent an afternoon in Nuremberg and ate the best German version of Mexican cuisine at Saulsalitos. SPC Villacis gets the award for eating the most food at one sitting (Where does it all go?). To break up the long work hours and hard training, we have been able to spend some time playing volleyball, basketball and behind the BBQ grill.

The detachment is looking forward to the warm months ahead and the numerous festivals and activities that occur in the Bavarian summertime. I'd like to give a hearty thank you for the Soldiers and family members support through the tough winter months. It's always tough to keep focused in times of war and deployments. Thank you and all the best from Ansbach!

"Charlie Express!"

CPT Snyder



Charlie Detachment Soldiers conduct reintegration at Illesheim Gymnasium. They have already processed over 450 returning OIF1 Soldiers.



Delta Dragons

Welcome back to all of our re-deployed soldiers! SGT Bone returned from her tasking in Pristina, Kosovo on 4 February 2004. SGT Jenkins, SPC Bubier, and SPC Cintron returned from a successful deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 20 February 2004; SGT Boswell and SPC Prewitt were the final group of our soldiers returning from OIF1 on 12 March 2004. It's great to have everyone back in Vicenza, safe and able to re-unite with their family and friends. We are looking forward to working with all of them upon their return from block leave.



Our community was honored with a unique opportunity to listen to the Vice President of the United States, Dick Cheney, on 27 January 2004. Vice President Cheney expressed his support for our efforts to liberate Iraq, and for the sacrifices the army families make on behalf of our country. He also informed MG Turner, Commander, Southern European Task Force, that the jump performed by the 173d into Kirkuk, Iraq had been approved as a combat jump. He also re-enlisted several Soldiers and presented purple hearts to two re-deployed soldiers. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity for some of our Italian neighbors to meet our Vice President in person.

Detachment Delta 510th PSB has been extremely busy these past few months, and I am proud of all the hard work and dedication the Soldiers, NCOs, and officers have shown. They have all pulled together as a team and accomplished some taxing missions without complaint, while setting the standard for SETAF. We spend most of our time from the end of January to 11 March 2004 executing the Personnel Re-integration of the 173d (Airborne) Infantry Brigade back to the Vicenza community from Iraq. As well as doing TPS missions in Aviano, Air Base to ensure 1ST PERSCOM had accurate accountability of all returning soldiers into the European theater of operations. All of the Detachment Soldiers proved that they are multi-talented and can operate many of the different personnel systems we use daily proficiently. This is a great testament to the level of training and expertise the NCOs have embedded into all of the Soldiers in our unit.

The support from the Vicenza military families and the community organizations for all Soldiers has been outstanding. The culminating event for Re-integration was a recognition ceremony, along with a concert, comedians, and cheerleaders, during a community wide Bash on the afternoon of 12 March 2004.

We want to congratulate CW2 Immormino, and SGT Franklin on their recent promotions, and we will be welcoming our new Executive Officer 2LT Irma Matos to the Delta Dragons family 22 March 2004.

Seven of our Soldiers have deployed in support of OIF2 and are doing quite well. They have all had a chance to communicate with us and their loved ones and have received several care packages. They are living and working in buildings, and the PX and Dining Facility are very close. Several of them have sent messages to Detachment Delta expressing their well being and thanking us for our support. We will continue to take care of any family needs that might arise during their absence and we look forward to their safe return from a successful deployment.

We are looking forward to new challenges and future missions that will give us an opportunity to hone our skills and shine.

CPT Roberto Romero
CDR, DET D 510th PSB

Vice President Cheney
address's enthusiastic
Soldiers in Vicenza,
Italy on 27 January 2004



Greetings everyone, another quarter has come and gone once again. I am happy to say that we survived the holiday mailing season which ended on 15 January 04. This season was a hard and trying one, but we made it through with the strength of everyone. The soldiers, reservists, augmenters, civilians, and spouses all contributed to our overall success.

Since our last newsletter our main focus has been on the return of our Operation Iraqi Freedom 1 (OIF1) Soldiers and their families, and getting them reintegrated back into the community. Our soldiers have returned safely from their mission in which they were committed to for the last year. They strove for excellence while they were there and truly achieved such lofty standards. It is truly a blessing to have all of my OIF1 soldiers back. They left a lasting impression that the OIF2 soldiers will strive to emulate.

We have welcomed in a lot of new soldiers and civilians these past few months, and have farewelled a few. I would first like to mention that SFC Brown and SFC Chaffino have retired from the military. In 1st platoon we welcome 2LT Tomeeka Lilly-Artis, SFC Pierre Hams, SPC Timothy George, Mr. Sammy Brassell, Mr. Jesus Nieves, and Mr. Jonathan Osborne. In 2nd platoon we welcome PFC Tonia White, Mr. Rickey Askew, Mrs. Anita Mariblanca, and Mr. Robert Sanderlin. In 3rd platoon we welcome SFC Pamela Miskel, CPL Mark Woodfork, Mr. Jose Cardona, Mr. Richard Jones, Mr. Kenneth Kinnear, Mr. Marty Miskel, Mr. Leon Petosky, and Mr. Alex Smith. In 4th platoon we welcome Mr. Ephraim Wertz. In 5th platoon we welcome SPC Troy Mack, SPC Kimberly Myers, PVT Garrett Sheppard, Mr. Kirk Douglas, and Mr. Fernando Rivera. I welcome all of your families too. Now on to a sad note, we had to say farewell to a few individuals. Out of 1st platoon we had to say so long to PFC Salina Wilson and Mrs. Melissa McCloud. 2nd platoon we say good bye to Mrs. Lashonda Bates, and Mrs. Carrie Jackson.

Some congratulations are in order and they go out to my family, the Zinn family, on the birth of our second daughter, Mercedes. We are very blessed to have her join our family. For first platoon, SPC Jones was promoted and married all in the same month of February. And in fourth platoon we had SPC Mason reenlist to stay in the Army. I would also like to congratulate SPC Pellot on winning the Soldier of the Year Board for 1st PERSCOM, a truly outstanding accomplishment. That was definitely a great Army day! Congratulations to all.

Our prayers and deepest sympathy go out to the Espino family on the lost of Juan Espino. He was a great person and he will surely be missed.

In closing, I would like to thank the community for your continued support with my postal mission. On 27 May 2004, I will be changing command with CPT Vermele Smith, who will hail to us from 5th Signal Command. I ask that you all give her the same support and guidance as you have towards me; therefore, I know she will be taken care of. Thank you once again for everything these past eighteen months, it's been my pleasure. Total Package !

Postal Total Package

CPT Zinn



Robert Smith, Tammie Donaldson, Steve Martin and SPC Kellner pause for picture at RPO Spinelli Barrack, Mannheim